

Business Area # 2:
MIT/Kendall Square/Lower
Broadway

Boundaries: bordered by Main Street, Broadway, Portland Street, the B&A Railroad, Audrey Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: Offices, shops, restaurants in Kendall Square, #1-#5 Cambridge Center, Offices and shops on Broadway between #1 and #200, and Tech Square



Kendall Square

Larceny from buildings continues to dominate the business related crime story in the Kendall Square business district. Historically, this type of thievery has been the dominant disorder problem in this area of the city's hi-tech boom. Between 1985 and 1995, Kendall/MIT averaged over 250 larcenies from buildings per year. Increased internal security and police / business partnerships sent this crime on a five year downward spiral bottoming out with 45 incidents recorded in 1997. The first six months of 2001 seem to be following this trend. The swift decline in construction site larcenies helps to account for this decrease. Although there are occasional thefts of personal items from health club lockers and hotel rooms, the laptop computer stolen from hi-tech offices remains the favorite target for the professional pilferer. • Two out of the eight **larcenies from persons** reported in the first six months of 2001 occurred at the Kendall Square movie theater. • Last year, this business district experienced a prolific increase in **commercial breaks** due to the many construction breaks reported. Thieves targeted any construction tools and materials that they could get their hands on. This pattern sharply declined after the arrest of two Cambridge residents last year. This year, only two commercial breaks were reported from construction sites. • Both **commercial robberies** were report at 2-4 Cambridge Center. One involved the robbery of a parking garage attendant. The second involved a taxicab robbery at the Marriott Hotel. • **Shoplifting** seldom occurs in this district, which averages less than five light fingered thefts per year. • The sole **flim flam** incident occurred when a suspect approached the victim, stating that his car had been towed and he had no money. The victim gave the suspect all the money she had in her possession and then went to the ATM to get more out. The suspect then gave the victim false information regarding his name and phone number. The victim never heard from the suspect again.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2000	2 nd Quarter 2001	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	70	26	-63%
Larceny from Person	11	8	-27%
Commercial Burglary	19	4	-79%
Commercial Robbery	0	2	Inc.
Shoplifting	2	1	-50%
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	5	12	+140%